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INAUGURAL MEETING

WCED/84/9/Add.1

GENEVA, 1 - 3 OCTOBER, 1984

Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda

ANNOTATIONS
TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1. Introductory Statement by the Chairman

The Inaugural Meeting will be opened by the Chairman at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, October 1 in Room 2 of the International Conference Center, 15 rue de Varembe, 1211 Geneva 20. The Chairman of the Commission will make an introductory statement.

2. Statements by Invited Speakers

The following special speakers have been invited by the Chairman to speak to the Commission during the opening session of the Inaugural Meeting:

- H.E. Leon Schlumpf, President of the Swiss Confederation;
- The Right Honourable Bumbei Hara, former Minister of Environment, Japan.

The press have been invited to attend for this and the previous agenda item.

3. Adoption of the Agenda (WCED/84/9 and Add. 1)

The Commission will consider and adopt an Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting and decide on a timetable for the discussions. The Chairman circulated a Provisional Agenda in advance of the meeting (WCED/84/9), and this annotated version with a proposed timetable (WCED/84/9/Add. 1).

4. Discussions with Heads of International Organizations

The Chairman has requested the Heads of the following United Nations organizations and Specialized Agencies, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to prepare a written statement of their views on the key issues to be addressed by the Commission in order to have them circulated to the Commission in advance of the Inaugural Meeting: FAO, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO, WMO, ICSU, IUCN. All have agreed to this request and the document containing their views will be circulated as soon as it is received.

The Heads of these organizations have also been invited to be present at the Inaugural Meeting to discuss their views with the Commission.

The following Heads of International Organizations have accepted this invitation and are expected to be present:

- Dr M.K. Tolba, Executive Director, UNEP
- Mr G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary General, WMO
- Dr K. Miller, Director General, IUCN

These discussions will be scheduled to occur at convenient points throughout the Inaugural Meeting.

The following Heads have indicated that, for various reasons, they will be unable to attend the Inaugural Meeting:

- Mr E. Saouma, Director General, FAO
- Mr A.M. M'Bow, Director General, UNESCO
- Mr H. Mahler, Director General, WHO
- Sir John Kendrew, President, ICSU

The Chairman has indicated that their invitations will be held open and has expressed the wish that they will be in a position to discuss their views at future meetings of the Commission.

In addition, it is the intention to invite the Heads of other United Nations organizations and Specialized Agencies and of other inter-governmental and non-governmental agencies to prepare their views for circulation to the Commission and to appear at future meetings of the Commission to discuss them.

5. Future Work of the Commission (WCED/84/10)

Taking into account the preliminary discussions at the Organizational Session on key issues, strategy and draft workplan and proposed timetable, a single and integrated report (WCED/84/10) has been prepared with a structure responding to the three major questions to be addressed.

- I. What are the Key Issues that the Commission should address, and from what perspectives should it address them?
- II. What Strategy should the Commission employ to marshall the information that it will need, and the intellectual, political and organizational resources that it will need to tap, in order to achieve its objectives?
- III. How do the answers to these questions translate into a practical Workplan and Timetable that will enable the Commission to achieve its objectives within a reasonable period of time?

In Part I of the report (WCED/84/10-1), the Key Issues are initially presented in terms of the conventional formulation (e.g. environmental pollution issues, natural resources issues, and human settlements issues). The report then sets out briefly some of the crucial limitations of the conventional approach.

In the discussions at the Organizational Session, a great deal of emphasis was put on the need to reformulate the issues in policy terms, and not just in terms of environmental policy, but in terms of all major policies which do or could influence sustainable development. This is done and an alternative formulation is proposed for consideration.

Part II of the report (WCED/84/10-2) briefly sets out a draft strategy for the Commission's work, to enable the Commission to marshall the information and the intellectual, political and organizational resources that it will need to tap in order to achieve its objectives.

Part III of the report (WCED/84/10-3) contains a detailed proposal for a Workplan and Timetable for the Commission. As part of that discussion, the Commission will need to establish the number and provisional dates and locations for future meetings.

6. Terms of Reference (WCED/84/11)

The Commission has the responsibility to formulate and adopt its own Terms of Reference. Draft Terms of Reference were presented for preliminary discussion at the Organizational Session.

A further draft of the Terms of Reference (WCED/84/11) has been prepared, taking into account comments on the earlier draft and on key issues which were made during the discussions at the Organizational Session.

7. Financial Matters (WCED/84/12 and WCED/84/13)

The Commission will need to adopt a Budget at its Inaugural Meeting. A detailed budget proposal is contained in report WCED/84/12.

The Commission also needs to consider ways and means for increasing the financial and other resources presently available or pledged for carrying out the work of the Commission. As a basis for discussion, the present situation and possibilities are set out in report WCED/84/13.

8. Other Business

Under this item, Members of the Commission can raise other matters deserving the attention of the Commission which have not been dealt with under previous agenda items.

9. Next Meeting

Taking into account relevant suggestions and comments made during the discussion, the Chairman will propose the dates and location for the next session, a list of items to be included in the provisional agenda, and a list of possible special speakers and Heads of International Organizations who could be invited to present their views on issues of relevance to the Commission.

TIMETABLE FOR INAUGURAL MEETING

	MONDAY October 1	TUESDAY October 2	WEDNESDAY October 3
9:30-11:00	1. Chairman's Statement 2. Invited Speakers	5.1. Key Issues	7. Financial Matters
11:00-11:30	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
11.30-13:00	3. Adoption of Agenda 4. Dr M. K. Tolba	5.2. Draft Strategy 5.3. Workplan & Timetable	12:00 Press Conference
13:15-14:45	LUNCH	LUNCH hosted by the Norwegian Mission	LUNCH
15:00-16:15	5. Future Work of Commission	4. Mr G.O.P. Obasi	4. Dr K. Miller
16:15-16:45	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
16:45-18:00	5.1 Key Issues	6. Terms of Reference	8. Other Business 9. Next Meeting
EVENING	Dinner hosted by the Swiss Government	Reception hosted by the Japanese Mission	OPEN

TIMETABLE FOR THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

October 1-3, 1984

MONDAY, October 1.

Session 1. (open to the Press) 9:30 - 11:00

1. Introductory Statement by the Chairman of the Commission

- Mrs. G. Harlem Brundtland

2. Statements by Invited Speakers

- H.E. Ambassador Franz Muheim, Swiss Government

- The Right Honourable Bumbei Hara, former Minister of
Environment, Japan

Coffee 11:00 - 11:30

Session 2. 11:30 - 13:00

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Discussions with the Heads of International Organizations

- UNEP Executive Director, Dr M.K. Tolba

Lunch 13:15 - 14:45

Session 3. 15:00 - 16:15

5. Future Work of Commission

Coffee 16:15 - 16:45

Session 4. 16:45 - 18.00

5.1 Key Issues

Dinner : hosted by the
Swiss Government

TUESDAY, October 2.

Session 5. 9:30 - 11:00

5.1 Key Issues

Coffee 11:00 - 11.30

Session 6. 11:30 - 13:00

5.2 Draft Strategy

5.3 Workplan and Timetable

Lunch: hosted by the 13.15 - 14:45
Norwegian Mission

Session 7. 15.00 - 16:15

4. Discussions with Heads of International Organizations

- WMO Director General, Mr G.O.P. Obasi

Coffee 16:15 - 16:45

Session 8. 16:45 : 18.00

6. Terms of Reference

Evening: Reception hosted by the
Japanese Mission

WEDNESDAY, October 3.

Session 9. 9:30 - 11:00

7. Financial Matters

Coffee 11:00 - 11.30

Press Conference 12:00 - 13:00

Lunch 13:15 - 14:45

Session 10. 15:00 - 16:15

4. Discussions with the Heads of International Organizations

- IUCN Director General, Dr Kenton Miller

Coffee 16:15 - 16:45

Session 11. 16:15 - 18:00

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting